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The Lord's Prayer Being Signed by Deaf Congregation at Grace Chapel, Minneapolis

Three infants, all of them born on the same day, June 12, were recently baptized in a triple baptism at Grace Lutheran Church, Oberlin, Ohio, by Pastor W. J. Fields. The congregation numbers only 165 communicants.

Mr. Frank Nagel, office manager at Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, Mo., died of a heart attack on July 21. He was born in 1877 and entered the employ of the concern in 1901. Because of his unusual ability and diligence he had advanced to the position of office manager by 1916.

The Rev. F. Samuel Janzow, who served in the Atlantic District's congregations in Kentish Town and Tottenham, London, England, since 1936, sailed Aug. 6 for the United States in company with his wife. Mrs. Janzow arrived in England in August, 1939, and their marriage took place on the Sunday after the declaration of war.

A Texas congregation moves forward at a splendid pace. Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Kerrville, Tex., began as a mission when the Rev. Henry C. Schroeder was ordained and installed on April 22, 1945. Last June 17 the congregation organized with eleven voting and thirty communicant members. On July 10 officers were elected, and the congregation designated the Sunday on which the church council was installed as the date for gathering a special thankoffering to be devoted to the erection of a permanent church building. Fifty people attended the service, and the collection amounted to $1,171.61. Evidently the new church building will soon become a reality.

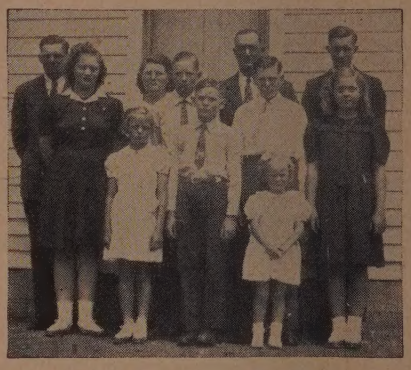
Our frontispiece is a dramatic action photograph. The congregation is signing (not "singing," but "signing") the word "Father." Woman in front row, next to the aisle, transmits signs to deaf-blind at her right by signing with his left hand placed on her right.

The Federal Communications Commission on Aug. 9 made an F. M. (frequency modulation) grant to our Synod's Radio Station KFUO. A class "B" frequency will be assigned. Our station's $300,000 Forward Movement can now be carried out. This is good news indeed.

A trifle more than 100 pastors of our Synod are laboring among the three and one-half millions residing within the limits of the Oregon and Washington District, comprising approximately a quarter million square miles. What this entails in the case of many a pastor of the District is illustrated by the activity of Pastor W. A. Sylwester of Roseburg, Oreg. Since January 1 he has traveled over 3,300 miles by bus and private car in trying to serve his parishioners, scattered over an area sixty miles from north to south and fifty miles from east to west. In addition, Pastor Sylwester has been serving as vacancy pastor at a mission fifty miles north of Roseburg. He is seventy-five miles from his closest fellow pastor.

A class of 16 boys and 16 girls was confirmed in the Minnesota State Public School (Institution for Feebleminded) at Owatonna on June 23 by the Rev. H. Bohnhoff in the presence of some of the parents and friends of the children as well as of the other pupils of the institution. The confirmation was preceded by a public examination, by the baptism of three boys and one girl, and followed by Holy Communion. Regular religious instruction is carried on by Pastor Bohnhoff at this school, with an attendance of 90 to 130 children. — K. K.

Nine brothers and sisters in the Leo Kinnetz family of Emmetsburg, Iowa, joined the local St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church after a young Lutheran had persuaded his future bride, their sister, to become a member of his church. Lately,



The Leo Kinnetz Family
Emmetsburg, Iowa

also Mr. Kinnetz has joined our Emmetsburg church, and the mother plans to enter an adult class this fall. The Rev. Arthur Ansorge is the pastor of St. Paul's.

Wittenberg College, widely known school of the United Lutheran Church of America at Springfield, Ohio, has received a gift of $500,000 from Mr. and Mrs. Elgar Weaver of Brookville, Ohio. The fund will be used to build a chapel, the main auditorium of which will seat 1,500. One of the features will be a reproduction of the "Theses Door" of the Castle Church at Wittenberg, Germany.

Mail service has now been established between the United States and the British Zone of Occupation in Germany for essential gift packages. The Emergency Planning Council of the Missouri Synod, 3558 S. Jefferson Ave., St. Louis 18, Mo., is accepting orders for food packages for mailing to the British Zone. These packages weigh eleven pounds and cost $4.50 and $6.00, including postage. The $6.00 package contains vitamins. Make checks payable to W. H. Schlueter, Treasurer.

G. V. S.

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Editorial

Humility

We learn from the Gospel for next Sunday, the Eleventh after Trinity, "not only the kinds of people who go to church, but the wrong and right way of going; the wrong and right way of worshiping; the wrong and right kind of heart to carry there; the wrong and right way to pray." When we go to church, are we always like the Publican, or does something of the Pharisee find its way into our hearts? It is a searching question. Is ours a Christianity outwardly beautiful, praiseworthy in its good works, but inwardly dead? Let us remember that God looks at the heart. The best antidote for false pride is that stressed by Paul in the Epistle for the Day: "Christ died for our sins. . . . By the grace of God I am what I am." Or to paraphrase Paul's words: "I am the least of all Christians, who am not meet to be called a Christian." Let us note how beautifully the Collect for next Sunday harmonizes with these thoughts in the Gospel and Epistle:

> Almighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray and art wont to give more than either we desire, pour down upon us the abundance of Thy mercy, forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

W. G. P.

Mission to the Deaf and Blind

This issue of the LUTHERAN WITNESS features our mission to the deaf, which is celebrating its golden anniversary this year. The work among the blind is under the direction of the same synodical Board.

Whenever our congregations make contributions to the item called "Synodical Budget" or "Outside Purposes," they do their proportionate share for the work among the deaf and the blind. The articles and pictures contained in this issue tell an eloquent story of the work our Church is doing in this field.

There comes just to hand a letter from one of our readers which contains an item eminently quotable in this connection. The author does not wish his name to be mentioned.

"In a recent drive for funds for our new school a man blind for thirty years signed his name to a check for one thousand dollars. The following year, in the second drive for funds for the same cause, this man again signed his name to a check for one thousand dollars. This in addition to being one of the leading contributors in the parish! This man is unmarried — yet, though he himself will have no children to enroll, he supports the school because he believes in it. The blind sometimes see more than they who have eyes!"

G.

The Time Demands — Christian Heroes

When we read of the ghastly conditions in Europe and listen to the descriptions which reliable travelers give of the scenes which they have witnessed, words fail us. We are reminded of the words of the great English poet:

> I could a tale unfold whose lightest word
> Would harrow up thy soul; freeze thy young blood;
> Make thy two eyes, like stars, start from their spheres.

But let us beware lest mere idle, helpless pity stupefy and paralyze us. These times demand more than mere pity, agony, and vain sighing. They call for Christian heroism. Every Christian should now cry to God in fervent supplication. Each of us should ask God: "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?" And then we should use the means which God Himself has provided for giving us information. Every one of us should consult with others. We should urge upon the proper authorities that permission be granted to aid those in utmost distress. Even now much harm has been done by delay. True, Europe needs another Luther, but even though we have not Luther's gifts, let each use to best advantage those gifts which God has given.

S.

Marvels of the Ear

Much has been written about the complex and beautifully adjusted parts that make up the human eye. Every object gives off a different vibration of light, and when these reach the four million cones and 130 million rods that make up the cell structure of the retina or inner wall of the eye, these vibrations are carried by the optic nerve through half a dozen guide ways to the visual center in the back of the brain, and we see the objects right side up and in their true colors. It does not seem possible that anyone can study these complicated parts of the eye without becoming persuaded of the workings of an all-wise creative Mind.

But there are wonders equally great wherever we gaze below the surface of the structures that make up our body and as we study its functions. One medical friend of ours is ready to make out a case for the proposition that the little finger is the most wonderful organ of the body.

Very little is known by the average person even among educated folks regarding the wonderful evidence of design presented by the human ear. We have just run across a reference to this subject in the *Atlantic Monthly* of July, 1946. Discussing "The Science of Noise," S. Smith Stevens, professor of Psychology at Harvard University, has this to say about the human organ of hearing:

> This marvelous little sense organ, whose unresolved mysteries are a challenge to the new vigor of psycho-acoustic research, is the most elaborate and complicated mechanical system in the

human body. No other living part has such a keenly differentiated system of bones, membranes, and sensory cells all joined in fine mechanical balance. Smaller than the end of a finger, the aural apparatus is not only more sensitive to minute pressures than any microphone yet devised, but in its subtle response to sound waves it sorts them out according to their frequencies and sends to the brain a nerve impulse earmarked for each appropriate pitch. We are able to tell one note from another: the different notes set into vibration different segments of an inch-long spiraled membrane on which are lined up in orderly rows the tiny sense cells which originate the neural messages. Each group of cells responds only to the tone to which is tuned that part of the membrane on which it rests.

More than a comprehension of the evidence of divine Wisdom in the anatomy of the human body is necessary in order to change a person's attitude towards God and His revealed Truth. One may know that God is the all-wise Creator and Designer without knowing Him as Father and Friend. Only the Holy Spirit can do that, through the Gospel. But the inspired Psalmist has exclaimed over the all-wise providence revealed in the beginnings of each human life, Psalm 139:13-16 — the embryologist marvels at the understanding shown by the royal poet — and we have long chapters in the Book of Job extolling the wonders of animal life. That unbelieving scholars and scientists do not recognize God as their Creator is proof of the spiritual darkness of natural man. G.

Drifting or Steering?

The season of vacation will soon be over. Autumn with its opportunities is approaching. It is God's will that we prepare to enter these God-given "open doors." "Let none hear you idly saying, There is nothing I can do." Remember, we are still members of the Church Militant, not of the Church Triumphant. This Church Militant carries on a warfare. Its campaigns must be planned.

In our congregations there are those who will help in one way or the other. Who of them is fitted for this or that task? What book, tract, program, brochure, leaflet, or work sheet will serve the purpose to best advantage? Is there helpful material in the catalog of our Concordia Publishing House? What visits are to be made? What appeals and what forms of encouragement are to be used?

Let us not simply drift into the activities which are inviting us. When Paul was made a chosen vessel unto the Lord, he requested instructions. He said: "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?" In the 9th chapter of Acts you can find the particular instructions which Paul received. True, God does not deal with us directly, as He dealt with Paul. But He does wish us to see what our hand may find to do and then to do that with all our might. "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind," 2 Tim. 1:7.

Luther soon discovered his specific duty towards the people who sought his guidance. Dr. Walther and our fathers soon learned what their people needed here in this new country. When Lutherans changed from the European languages to the American idiom, there were those who recognized their evident duty and opportunity. Some called them visionaries and dreamers, but they had the visions and dreams of which God speaks in the 28th verse of the second chapter of Joel.

If everyone of us gives prayerful, earnest attention to our position and our duties at the present time, we may expect that God will do wonders through weak instruments. We are not to bury our pound in a napkin, we are not to hide our light under a bushel. If we plant and water, the Almighty will give the increase. S.

"The Walther League Messenger"

This is a tribute to a younger sister, the official magazine of our young people's organization. It does not belong to the family of synodical publications, but is the house organ of a group recognized by Synod and hence a publication to which people may turn when they want to know what the Missouri Synod stands for. What kind of ideals do we foster among our younger generation, particularly what standards for their leisure reading do we hope to develop in them? *The Walther League Messenger* is the answer.

Contents and appearance of the July issue give us the assurance, on the one hand, that under the new editorship those values which were developed under the trained hand of Dr. W. A. Maier will be conserved, while the changing panorama of life will be reflected in new features, new approaches. The departments conducted by Prof. O. H. Theiss and by Dr. O. P. Kretzmann continue to supply sprightly news and stimulating philosophy, and the Book Shelf and Film Review eminently deserve the attention of the younger reader.

Naturally, the Walther League program is recognized in separate departments, while the appeal to the larger reading circle is maintained in special articles; among these, contributions by the Rev. Rudolph Norden, Chaplain Martin C. Poch, and the Rev. Edwin B. Glabe. Dr. W. G. Polack contributes a continuation in his series on the early beginnings of the Missouri Synod. This article deals with the origin of the constitution under which the Missouri Synod does its work. A dry subject? Not when an expert historian digs into the records — manuscript records in the collection of the Concordia Historical Institute — makes the characters live who labored in this founding of our Synod. This series of articles lifts into high prominence the deep concern which our fathers had for pure doctrine, their patience with those who erred but acknowledged the supremacy of Scripture, and their great talent for leadership, which, by the help of God and through faith in Him, molded a great church body out of the poverty and confusion of pioneer days.

The Walther League Messenger is a fine magazine.

We extend our best wishes to the new managing editor, the Rev. Alfred P. Klausler. G.

The Communistic Menace

"The United States must fear Communism." This declaration is made by the House Committee on un-American Activities in its report published June 7. Radical writers have tried to laugh out of court the charges raised by this congressional committee, formerly called the Dies Committee. Our congressional representatives don't seem to think that the money voted this committee is wasted. So detailed are the allegations made also in the present report that the good citizen, the Christian citizen, should be on his alert and learn what is going on.

The report of June 7 warns outright against Communism's influence, declaring it is "a threat to the nation's security."

Labor unions, in particular, were called on to "clean out the Communistic element that has been throttling [them] and causing mass strikes."

One section of the report sharply criticizes the War Department for what was described as "an instruction pamphlet which, while condemning all Fascists, actually recommended the Soviet form of government." The pamphlet was identified as "Orientation fact sheet No. 64, published by the War Department, March 24, 1945." The committee said the pamphlet has since been discontinued but

that it "was, and will remain as, one of the dirtiest blots on the history" of the Army.

The report declared that the Communist party of the United States is supported by the Soviet Union, and quoted Premier Joseph Stalin as saying:

"It is necessary that the Communist party should be capable of meeting the moment of crisis fully equipped to take the direction of future class wars in the United States."

The reports of the old Dies Committee commanded respect because the committee did not fail to mention by name persons and organizations involved in un-American activities. Also the present report mentions many organizations listed as "Communist fronts."

Concerning the objective of these movements the House Committee says in plain words that they "are aimed at the destruction" of the Government of the United States and its democratic institutions. The report says: "The United States must fear Communism because it is a foreign controlled totalitarian movement whose leaders in the past have openly proclaimed that it advocates revolution and the overthrow of the present government of the United States. Recent disavowals of this fact or these facts by the leaders of the Communist party should not be given credence." G.

Formalism and Crudity

Between these two the pendulum also swings in the churches. Before the Reformation, formalism ruled the churches. The scrupulous observance of exact forms, words, and phrases, together with well-timed genuflections, crossings, held sway. Prescribed altar coverings, candles, and crucifixes were in vogue. Even the words of the priest were chanted in a strange but fixed language. There you had formalism in the extreme. Then came the reaction. Such men as Carlstadt and the prophets of Zwickau wished all forms discarded. They insisted that printed forms, exact observances of order, lacked spiritual reality. The Spirit was to move the plain Christians to utter prayers of their own. Where this spirit gained the ascendancy, crudity replaced formalism. Thank God, Luther kept his head. We are convinced that the very fact that Luther kept his head at that time and surrendered neither to formalism nor to crudity shows that he was God's chosen instrument for the conservative reformation of the Church.

However, these opposite tendencies towards formalism and towards crudity in worship continued to appear again and again in the later history of the Church. Here in America also there was a time when in many churches printed prayers and forms of worship were frowned upon and the crudities of the camp meeting and of the revival threatened to carry all before them. Now, however, there is a strong tendency in many churches towards formal liturgy and a more careful observance of a prescribed order of services. It is for us to take our cue from Luther, to keep our heads, and not to be swayed by those who are always ready to run from one extreme to another. Someone has said: "He who will never use a form in public prayer casts away the wisdom of the past. He who will use only forms casts away the hope of utterance to be given by the Spirit." While we are not to elevate mere proprieties to the level of moral teaching, yet proprieties in accordance with the customs of different people and places are not negligible and should be given some study and consideration. That has been the position of the Lutheran Church through the ages and should guide us in the future. S.

The Roman Church and Democracy

So far we have not seen a correction in *Time* of its statement earlier in the year which absolved the Roman Catholic Church from any antagonism to the principle of separation of Church and State. No attention has been paid to a letter sent to its editor by one of our contemporaries under date February 26:

DEAR MR. LUCE:

Your news story "America in Rome" (*Time*, February 25) is most significant.

It is *news* that Roman Catholicism in America or anywhere else now favors "the absolute separation of Church and State." I should like to have a bit of further enlightenment.

Will you be kind enough to inform me what Roman Catholic prelate in America is publicly on record as favoring such separation? Where can I find his statement?

Will you kindly state what pope in what encyclical, or what church council in what canon law, has favored or now favors such separation?

Catholic Layman Alfred E. Smith, whom you quote, was scarcely in position to speak the official mind of his Church, was he?

Are you not aware of the fact that the Roman Catholic system itself is a union of Church and State?

Unless you can produce further evidence, you should correct the impression made in your article that the Roman Catholic Church now favors separation of Church and State.

The case is even worse for *Time* than is revealed in the above. It is true that Alfred E. Smith, during his candidacy for the President of the United States, contributed an article to the *Atlantic Monthly* in which he made a noble profession of Americanism. Just plain, constitutional, American doctrine. He said he would not be guided by the Pope's Encyclical Letters in matters political. The editor of *Time* should have known, however, that Mr. Smith's views were disavowed as heretical by high Catholic opinion, as our readers may verify if they keep files on the LUTHERAN WITNESS (1928, p. 380). G.

"Visitation Evangelism"

That is a new name for an old, a very old, method of church work. It is the name given to the custom of some churches to send out its members to visit the unchurched and urge them to come to church, to meet the pastor; in short, to become better acquainted with what this church is doing and what benefits a person or family may receive from a closer connection with that church. In the Reformed churches about us the revival method has about fizzled out. If they are to survive and grow, they must try other methods. In the Lutheran Church, visitation in mission work has been a common practice. The large number of adults which are received in some congregations are, in a measure at least, a fruit of this faithful work.

This method was practiced even in the times of the Apostles. Paul expressly states that he did not only publicly proclaim God's Word, but also from house to house, Acts 20:20.

When contemplating this work, several things are to be kept in mind. In the first place, those who are to do the visiting should receive some instruction to be prepared for meeting and dealing with the unchurched. In the second place, the many good tracts and instructive literature which our Publishing House offers should be studied and utilized. And, most important of all, we ought to make sure that when a prospect has been interviewed and visits the church, he should not be disappointed, but should find in the church that pearl for which a man will sell all that he has and buy it, Matt. 13:45. S.

Ephphatha, 1896–1946

By J. L. SALVNER, Robbinsdale, Minn.

Our Lord Jesus the First Missionary to the Deaf

The crucified and risen Savior is come also for the deaf. Behold Him as He takes a deaf man apart from the multitude and with His mighty "Ephphatha" opens his ears and looses his tongue, Mark 7:31-37. He is the Savior also of the deaf.

Dr. John Salvner
Executive Secretary of
our work among the deaf
He puts his finger into the "nail mark"
to sign "Jesus"

Fifty Years Ago Our Lord Led Us into This Work

Christ Himself opened the door unto us. Graduates of our Lutheran School for the Deaf in Detroit came to the now sainted Pastor Augustus Reinke, saying: "Jesus says, 'Preach the Gospel to every creature.' But who preaches to the deaf? The Missouri Synod does not do it." And then having learned that his deaf parishioners were attending services of another denomination, he immediately set to work to learn the sign language. And March 4, 1894, he preached the first Lutheran sermon in our country in the language of the deaf. His text was, "God is Love," and sixteen deaf attended. Calls came from other cities, and in 1896 the work had grown to such an extent that he asked our Christians assembled in convention at Fort Wayne to take over this work. Thanks to God, they saw God's hand in this and resolved to elect a Board of Missions to the Deaf, who, in turn, at once called two candidates, one for Milwaukee and the other for Louisville.

Our Lord Jesus Has Been with Us These Fifty Years

The beginning of our mission was like the planting of a little mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds, but grows up to be a tree. Thus it has been with our work among the deaf. From the very small beginning in Chicago in 1894 it has spread over all of the United States and into parts of Canada. The number of our missionaries has grown to 22, more than all the missionaries of the other Protestant churches combined. These men reach thousands of deaf every year in 275 preaching stations. The number of communicants today is nearly 3,000. Also several pastors having hearing congregations minister to smaller groups here and there. We sorely need more men. Three new fields should be opened and two vacancies filled. May He fill our missionaries with love and zeal for this arduous work which requires a good measure of patience, entails much traveling, and so often demands dealing with individuals and small groups, as our dear Lord left the multitude to deal with one deaf man. And may He make the hearts of many young men willing and glad to enter upon this blessed work. Thanks and praise be to God for His blessings during the last half century, and may He richly bless our work also in the future.

All These Years the Lord Has Opened the Doors to Many Schools

What a blessing if all our deaf children could attend a school as we have it in Detroit, which now has an enrollment of nearly 100 children. Would to God we had more of them! The Catholic Church has about twelve schools, and ours is the only Protestant school in the United States. There are 64 State schools for the deaf in our country. Our missionaries work in 31 of them and have about 1,000 children in their classes, to whom they bring the story of Jesus and His love. Our Omaha missionary has 156 children under his care in the Iowa State School and 87 in the Nebraska State School and conducts weekly classes. Every month our Memphis missionary visits seven state schools, three of which are for colored children. In his classes he has 501 children, 123 of whom are colored. Other missionaries have 60 and fewer children in their classes. Few of these children are from our Synodical Conference. And, oh, how their parents rejoice with thanksgiving towards God for our mission! However, not only Lutheran parents, but also parents of children from other churches sing unto God for this blessing. Also the superintendents of these schools appreciate our work. One of them said to our missionary: "You men do not realize what your work means for our school." Another said: "We are highly pleased with your Church's work. We are proud of our connections." Some of our missionaries work also in city schools, of which there are 105. In these only the oral method is employed, that is, speech and lip reading. In these schools we have 100 boys and girls in classes. Every year our workers confirm a large number of children. In 1945 one of our men confirmed a class of 29. Thanks be to God for His manifold blessings upon our school work during these fifty years!

These Fifty Years We Have Worked Also in Other Public Institutions

Deaf are found in state hospitals, county homes, homes for the aged, etc. In such institutions 155 deaf are being served. And, oh, how they appreciate the Word! A deaf patient in one of them said to her pastor: "It is so nice of you to come and to tell us of Jesus." In the Ohio Home for Aged Deaf 30 of the 45 regularly attend our services there. Students from our seminary minister to deaf in the St. Louis Sanitarium and students from our seminary in Springfield assist in teaching classes in the Illinois State School. Quite a number of students in both seminaries are studying the sign language and in many ways assist our missionaries. What a blessing they can be to deaf in our country and, we hope and pray, also in other countries! May the good Lord abide with us as He has been in the past.

During These Fifty Years Many Deaf-Blind Have Learned to Know Christ

Often our missionaries come in contact with deaf-blind. They either spell the words into their hands or take their left

Lutheran Chapel for the Deaf, Kansas City, Mo.
Pastor A. Ferber and members. Some conversing in signs

hand upon their right, making signs. Sometimes they take both of their hands. What a privilege to bring the word of salvation to these real shut-ins, who can neither see nor hear. Many of them have learned to know their Savior during these fifty years and are already with Christ in glory and see Him face to face and hear His voice. Now we are ministering to 38 deaf-blind. When one visits them, one finds them reading books from our Chicago Library for the Blind or the periodicals sent out by our Church or parts of the Bible. They are lovers of God's Word and rejoice in Jesus, their Savior. One day a member of our board accompanied a missionary on one of his trips. They also visited several deaf-blind. Upon being introduced to our board member, one of them at once recited the explanation of the Second Article. Oh, how her face beamed for joy while saying these precious words! Yes, it is a blessed work.

Pastor and Officers of Calvary Church for the Deaf, St. Paul, Minn.
L. to r., front row: G. A. Youngdale, E. R. Berger, Pastor R. F. Cordes, E. J. Cleveland, C. J. Falmoe. Back row: Marvin Kuhlman, Helmer Hagel, Orvel Hanson. They are saying, from right to left, "Jesus, our good Savior"

Praise God for These Fifty Years of Blessings

Indeed, we must praise Him with thanksgiving for the many blessings He has showered upon us these past fifty years. And how thankful we ought to be that He has led our Church into this work which has the Gospel in all its truth and purity. If our Lutheran Church would not bring the Gospel to them, they would never learn to know their Savior, for there is very little Gospel preaching by missionaries of other churches. Yes, let us thank God for our Mission to the Deaf and His many blessings. And may Ephphatha Sunday, the Twelfth Sunday after Trinity, September 8, be a special day of praise and thanksgiving in all our churches throughout Synod for His rich blessings. All glory and praise be unto Him!

"Daddy Is in Bible Class!"

One of the Sunday school teachers of a beginners' class in Immanuel Lutheran School at Giddings, Tex., recently had the thrill of hearing from one of the little boys in the class: "My daddy is in the Bible class today!" Pastor Max Studtmann writes that to this little boy it was a very important announcement and he made it with genuine pride. "Oh, that all our boys and girls might be able to say, 'My father and mother attend the Bible class!'" Pastor Studtmann remarked.

Privileges of the Royal Priesthood

By WALTER E. BUSZIN, River Forest, Ill.

II

A perusal of the compositions of our Lutheran masters will soon force one to realize the influence of our own Lutheran congregational hymns (chorales) on the great composers of our Church. It is doubtful whether any church body has as much fine church music as does our Lutheran Church. Those who have studied Lutheran music and know its character and its composers well know that the doctrine of the universal priesthood has done much to determine the character of Lutheran church music. We do not hesitate to go so far as to say that those who attempt to study Lutheran church music without having a good understanding of the doctrine of the universal priesthood and its implications will, likely, arrive at not a few faulty conclusions and fail to understand the character of much of this precious music. The presence of chorales in so much of the music written by Bach, Buxtehude, Michael Praetorius, and many other Lutheran masters is not accidental; it is a result of the stress put by the Lutheran Church on the comforting and productive doctrine of the universal priesthood.

The most salient feature of the liturgies we use in the Lutheran Church today, particularly of our so-called Common Service, is the fact that they are liturgies for the people, liturgies which are sung almost entirely by the congregation and not by the clergy and some small, select group which has been separated from the congregation. Without doubt Martin Luther would exult and leap for joy were he able to hear and witness our congregations use the Common Service in our churches today. Perhaps not the music itself, but certainly the fact that the people take so active a part in presenting this liturgy unto the Lord would fill his heart with boundless joy. Circumstances which existed in his day and over which he had no control did not permit him to hear and see what we witness Sunday after Sunday, namely, all the people of the worshiping congregation having the opportunity to take a live and active part in the singing of the liturgy and of the hymns. In how many of the non-Lutheran church bodies which are liturgical in character do we find all the worshipers singing the Gloria Patri, the Kyrie, the Gloria in Excelsis, the Sanctus, the Agnus Dei, the Nunc Dimittis, and other liturgical parts? Among all liturgical church bodies the Lutheran Church stands quite alone in this respect, and this is one of the distinguishing marks of our Lutheran Church, a mark of which we may well

Confirmation Class of 29 Deaf — Pastor E. Mappes, Omaha, Nebr.
The largest class in the history of the work, May 6, 1945

be proud. It has been said that a singing army is never defeated. "If we had had your songs, you would never have beaten us," said an officer of the army of the South to a Northerner after the close of the Civil War. The same might be said of a singing Church, a Church whose music is a luscious fruit of her belief in Jesus Christ and in the doctrine of the universal priesthood of all believers.

We live in a wonderful democracy. That is not all: we live in a democracy which believes firmly in the separation of Church and State. We enjoy privileges which our European forebears never dreamed of nor enjoyed. Kings and princes do not force us to adopt what they think we should use, as was the case in and after the days of Martin Luther. Dictators and popes do not inflict upon us the demands of their arrogant minds. We should be very proud of our heritage and make much use of it, but we are not slaves of ancient and foreign traditions. We are members of a great democratic church body which thrives in a great democracy, and we are not parts of a cold and heartless machine. We are advocates of fine, liturgical orders of service which are imbued with the real Lutheran spirit of worship, but we are not willing to adopt standards and practices which would rob the people of the chance to take an active part in the presentation of our liturgies and in the singing of hymns; we are certainly not willing to introduce into our services hierarchical ritualism and pompous pageantry which will make men and women feel out of place in our houses of worship. It is certainly worth bearing in mind that Luther introduced and encouraged the singing of hymns to ward off the dangers of a passive reception of sumptuous ritualism, and it is also worth recalling that not a few of the English hymns people enjoy today were written for people who opposed the cold formalism rampant in the Church of England during the 18th and 19th centuries.

The Church which boasts of believing strongly in the doctrine of the universal priesthood of all believers is and must remain a singing Church, which shows forth "the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light." Unto each and every member of God's royal priesthood are addressed the words: "Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord" (Col. 3:16).

The Lutheran Layman in Action

By A. H. A. LOEBER, Detroit, Mich.

(This paper was prepared for, and read at, the meeting on November 11, 1945, of the two Detroit Visitorial Circuits of the English District. It was also read at the meeting of the voting members of Messiah Church, Detroit, January 21, 1946, and was ordered printed in pamphlet form.)

1. UNDERLYING PRINCIPLES

Faith and Good Works

It should be self-evident that before we can be God-pleasing workers in the Church, we must be of the faith in Christ Jesus as our perfect Savior from sin. "Without faith it is impossible to please God," Heb. 11:6, and unless we are of the faith, all our working and all our activity in matters of the Church are as little acceptable to God as was the offering of the unbelieving Cain. It is in order, therefore, that we again and again examine ourselves whether we be in the faith, 2 Cor. 13:5, and that we be and remain determined to do all that is necessary that we continue in the faith and grow strong in it and to avoid everything which tends to destroy or even to weaken our faith. — If, however, we are true believers, we will be of that faith that "worketh by love," Gal. 5:6. Having repented of our sins, we will "bring forth fruits meet for repentance," Matt. 3:8. Faith is always followed by sanctification. In the desire to do works pleasing to his Maker and his Redeemer the believer will ask with Saul of Tarsus: "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?" Acts 9:6.

The Church's Work

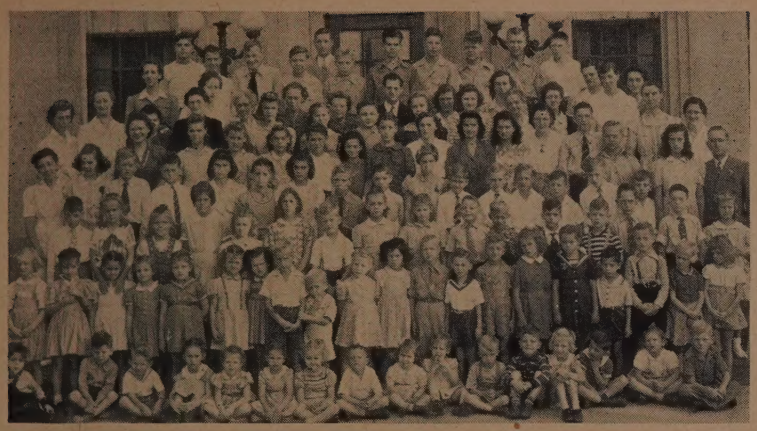
The work of both the laity and the clergy in the Church is to build the kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ. This is done by bringing His Gospel to those without, so that souls might be won out of the mass of unbelievers in the world and brought into Christ's kingdom, first here in time, then forever hereafter in eternity; again, this is done by helping to keep those with Christ who already have been won. I quote from a sermon that I recently was privileged to listen to at the installation of a pastor. Said the preacher: "What is the great and only duty of the pastor and of the congregation? By united effort to lift up Christ. That is His great commission to the Church; to lift up Christ, so that men may see Him fully and clearly; to lift Him up as the Son of God and the Son of Man, the able and willing Savior of all — just as He stands revealed to us in the written Word of God. The Church is not a civic or political organization to make this world a better place to live in socially and politically. Christian ministers are not mixers in all manner of political or social reforms; not orators to charm itching ears; not resourceful superintendents of games and social events. They have a message to deliver, not as orators and politicians who seek to sway audiences, to ingratiate themselves, but as messengers to deliver the message of the King — a message that knows nothing but Christ and Him lifted up on the Cross."

That is not a Church to be lauded which is very busy, but busy with all kinds of extraneous matters to the neglect of the building of the kingdom of our Redeemer; nor is that a good layman who is willing and ready to be socially active in church circles but has no taste to help in doing the real work of the Church, work of a spiritual character, the work of building the Kingdom. Give to that layman a high place in God's kingdom who is eager to engage in spiritual work in his Church and to build the Kingdom.

Stewardship

To be a layman in action in a manner helpful to the building of Christ's kingdom will require the use of his physical and mental powers, of his talents, and of his time. The good layman will be ready thus to use them and to bring, in a reasonable and liberal measure, the sacrifices demanded in such service. He knows himself to be a steward of God, from whom he has received his all — the strength of his body, the faculties of his mind, the blessings for his soul, his knowledge in spiritual matters, his ability to do things and to do them well, all his gifts and talents, together with the very time of his life here below. As steward to God he will be ready to place all these at the disposal of his Lord.

He likewise is conscious of the fact that his money and earthly possessions are treasures which God as the owner of all has entrusted to him for a limited time as unto his steward. He will, therefore, be ready to give of his possessions toward the needs of the congregation and the church at large, so that Christ's kingdom may be built. He will (if a layman of the right sort) give both liberally and willingly. It



WINDHORST STUDIO Deaf Children Enrolled in the Lutheran Institute

will be his endeavor not to have the costs of the work of the Kingdom paid for in a cheap and undignified manner, trying to have them saddled on others.

He will not look on the neighborhood small businessman as a handy, made-to-order victim who can be maneuvered into a position to make a contribution to the congregation, though he is not part of the congregation, yea though he may be an infidel, yet cannot for business reasons afford to deny the plea of a begging church for a donation.

The good layman loves his Church and is willing to make sacrifices for his Church and to give outright to his Church without resort to all kinds of money-making schemes not in keeping with the dignity of the Christian Church, the bride of Jesus Christ. He will pray God to preserve the Lutheran Church lest it sink to the level of the Roman Catholic Church with its stinking affairs to raise the funds necessary to keep the Church a-going. Where such things have gotten into his own church, he will help to cleanse it from them. He will say with David: "I will not offer burnt offerings unto the Lord my God of that which cost me nothing," 2 Sam. 24:24. Grateful for his redemption in Christ and for the Lord's many other rich blessings, and mindful of his stewardship toward God, he will sing and say (and will mean it): "Take my life and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee," take my moments and my days, my hands and my feet, my voice and my lips, my silver and my gold, my intellect and my will, my heart and my love; yea, take myself, and I will be ever only all for Thee. Nor will his lips alone be active when he sings: "We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be; All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee."

Lutheran Institute for the Deaf Detroit, Mich.

The Lutheran Institute for the Deaf, the only Protestant school of its kind in America, will open its doors on September 3 for its seventy-fourth school year. Founded not by the intent of man, but by a coincidence visibly directed by the hand of God, this Institute has served as a Christian "nursery" for deaf children for seventy-three years. During these many years hundreds of physically handicapped little ones have here learned to know their Savior and were brought up to be independent and self-reliant Christian citizens. Many of them, after having lived a full life as children of God, have already gone to their eternal reward in heaven. Many others, now living scattered throughout the length and breadth of our land, are members of our many Lutheran missions for the deaf. These missions, served by more than twenty consecrated men, are, by the way, the direct result of the seed sown in the hearts of the pupils at the Institute for the Deaf. And so looking back over the 73 years of its existence, one realizes that the Lord has indeed blessed and is still blessing beyond measure this work of feeding the Bread of Life to His physically handicapped lambs in this Christian school.

J. A. Klein

The Institute is being conducted under the auspices of an association of Lutheran congregations of Greater Detroit by a board of directors consisting of three pastors and six laymen. Its department of Christian education is under the supervision of a school board consisting of three pastors. The school itself, like all other boarding schools for children in Michigan, is under the supervision of the Michigan Department of Education and the State Department of Child Welfare.

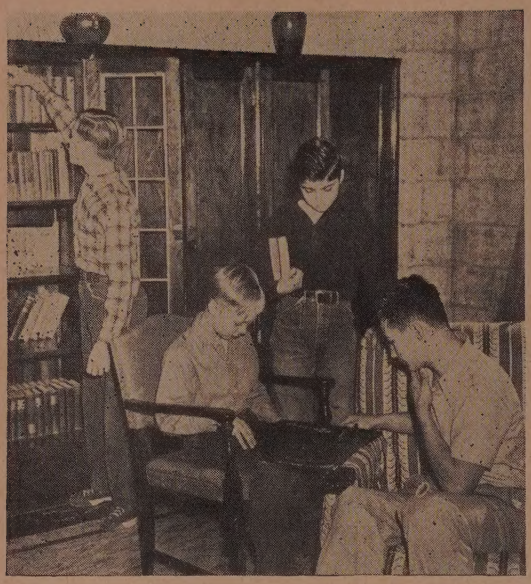
The Institute's doors are open to all deaf and hard-of-hearing children whose parents desire for them the type of training and education offered in this Christian home and school. Deaf children and such with impaired hearing, from the age of three years and up, receive in this school a twelve-year course of secular and religious education, which prepares them for confirmation and communicant church membership, and makes of them independent and self-respecting citizens of the State.

The school consists of nursery, kindergarten, primary, intermediate, and grammar grades, thus offering a full eight-grade course of study. The oral method, whereby deaf children learn to read lips and to speak orally, is employed. The instruction of hard-of-hearing children is greatly aided by the use of efficient multiple hearing aids.

The specially trained teaching staff consists of four men and eight lady teachers. Our chief housemothers, or matrons, are trained Lutheran deaconesses.

For a long time the Institute family was housed in a comparatively small building. However, owing to a phenomenally increased enrollment and the inade-

WINDHORST STUDIO Teaching Deaf Children to Speak



Scene in the Library of Our Institute for the Deaf, Detroit, Mich.

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quate facilities, it became necessary to raze the old building and in its place erect a large modern structure, consisting of five fireproof units. The new buildings, completed in 1939, offer living and educational facilities for one hundred children and the necessary household and a part of the teaching staff.

When the new Institute was built everyone was confident that we had provided room for all possible applicants. However, that was not the case. The Lord evidently demands yet greater service from us.

Due to the fact that the Institute enjoys the enviable reputation of being one of the good residential schools for the deaf in America, applications for enrollment from far and near continue to reach us in such numbers that we cannot begin to accept them all. In consequence thereof our waiting list of pupils wishing to be enrolled is growing longer and longer from year to year.

In order that this list might be reduced to some extent, we are planning the erection of another unit which will be 117 feet in length and will cost approximately $100,000. We hope that, with the help of God and the wholehearted support of our fellow Christians, this new unit might be completed by September 1947, when our Institute will enter upon its 75th year of service.

The Lord has visibly blessed the work of our Institute, and with the Psalmist we say: "Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto Thy name give glory, for Thy mercy and Thy truth's sake." Ps. 115:1.

Detroit J. A. KLEIN

"Biblical Wheat Day"

Dr. Walter A. Maier delivered the main address at Biblical Wheat Day, conducted at the Lenawee County Fair Grounds in Adrian, Mich. The ground work for Biblical Wheat Day was laid six years ago when Perry Hayden, originator of the plan, planted a cubic inch of wheat, which he called "dynamic kernels." One tenth of the harvest was devoted to religious and charitable purposes, while the remaining nine tenths were planted for the next year's harvest. The crop this year covers four square miles, 26,600 acres, the land needed being contributed by 257 farmers. Each farmer pledges to give a tithe of the proceeds to his church or to charity and to replant the nine tenths. The Governor of Michigan saluted this object lesson in practical Christianity with an official proclamation of "Biblical Wheat Day."

Much of the crop had been harvested and was brought in sacks to the Adrian Fair Grounds race track for the ceremonies. It is being shipped to St. Louis for processing into a special cereal, which will then be shipped overseas for European famine relief.

Among those present for the occasion were Clarence Pickett, executive secretary of the American Friends Service Committee, under whose direction the relief materials will be distributed in Europe; Mrs. Emma Clarissa Clement, the "American Mother" for 1946; Gil Dodds, world's champion one-mile racer; the Reverend Doctor V. Raymond Edman, president of Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill.

The colorful proceedings included demonstrations showing various methods, old and new, of harvesting the wheat; of threshing it; and of milling it. A helicopter from Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio, picked up several bags of flour prepared on the spot, flew them to a near-by bakery, and returned in two hours with ten thousand graham crackers, baked from the grain harvested the same afternoon. The crackers were then distributed to the audience, estimated at nine thousand.

In his address Dr. Maier asserted: "The best way to prevent a postwar depression is for America to cultivate the 'Thank God' spirit. A short year after two of the greatest victories in history, millions in America still pat themselves on the shoulder and say: 'We ourselves won the war, with our manpower, money power, production power.' But they make the same mistake which the defeated Nazis did. They forget God."

St. Louis E. BERTERMANN

Where Shaw Fails

Recently the papers and magazines of our nation made much of the birthday of the nonagenarian George Bernard Shaw. One prominent American magazine, *Life*, called him "the world's greatest living literary figure."

It is true, Shaw has not been an ardent supporter of Christianity, and yet there is something from this old man that the world might take, a kindredness to the Christian admonition to the world: "Repent and be baptized and believe on the Lord Jesus."

Some years ago Shaw said: "After reviewing the world of human events for sixty years, I am prepared to say that I see no way out of the world's misery except the way that Christ would take if He undertook the work of a modern statesman."

The Christian way of life is attempting to change the hearts of men through repentance and faith in Christ. To do this, we who are loyal to Christian principles support the work of the Church. We do not look for this through the government or through statesmen. Christ refused the crown of the State and accepted the crown of the Church. In the Church the great message which is brought to man is that he is a sinner, cannot be saved by himself, and needs Christ, the only Savior of man. Besides, the Church plainly teaches that this side of eternity we cannot hope for a better world. There is where Shaw fails to harmonize himself and his writings with the consistent note of the Christian Law and Gospel. There is where we must protest against Shaw's writings. He shows man as a great sinner. He says: "Man as he exists today is no longer capable of survival; he is destroying himself; his political laws, his economic and international laws betray him; his science betrays him. . . ." Shaw wants to transform the social order, he wants to transform man, he wants to proclaim repentance, but his remedy is inadequate. Shaw's remedy is poor for so great a malady. He stops short of Christ as the Savior and the Gospel as that which brings the true transformation of man and the source of

Dr. Walter A. Maier

Standing on sacked wheat
Biblical Wheat Day
Adrian, Mich.
August 1

his sanctification. The cries of these men like Shaw, Wells, and Mencken, who have made their living by showing man's weaknesses, should only the more drive us to such men as really transformed men with the message of true repentance, such as Isaiah and John the Baptist. We of the Church should thank God and make more of it than the publications of the world that we have men like Peter, Paul, John the Baptist, whose trumpet did not give an uncertain sound, but made men aware not only of the defects in mankind, but also of the unspeakable riches in Christ.

Chicago, Ill. ROGER L. SOMMER

A Golden Anniversary Our Missions to the Deaf

"WHEREAS, Our missions to the deaf in 1946 will extend over a period of fifty years; be it

"*Resolved*, That the President of Synod propose a plan setting forth a proper observation of this event." (*Proceedings*, Saginaw Convention, p. 185.)

In compliance with the above resolution the undersigned met with the executive secretary of Synod's Mission Board for the Deaf and other representatives to discuss, and to agree upon, a proper celebration of the golden anniversary of the wonderful and blessed work among the deaf.

The date chosen is *September 8*, the Twelfth Sunday after Trinity, also called Ephphatha Sunday. The Gospel lesson for that Sunday is the sacred record of Christ's miraculous healing of the deaf-mute; hence a most appropriate Sunday.

The undersigned kindly requests all congregations to set aside this Sunday and conduct special services of thanksgiving for the great grace which God has bestowed upon our Synod in granting us the privilege to proclaim the precious Gospel of Christ to the deaf for a period of fifty years and also for showering His immeasurable blessings upon our work among these handicapped people.

Only eternity will reveal how many deaf "heard" the message of salvation through the precious blood of Christ preached to them by our faithful and conscientious missionaries. We do know that throughout the years thousands have expressed their gratitude to God and their appreciation to our Church for the service rendered them.

Humblest beginnings fifty years ago, when the Rev. August Reinke inaugurated the work, have enjoyed wonderful growth. Today our Church has twenty-two full-time missionaries working among the deaf. These men serve thousands of deaf in 275 cities. At many of the schools for the deaf throughout our country our missionaries are instructing groups or classes of children in the blessed truths of God's Word. In Detroit our Lutheran School for the Deaf has been doing exceptional work for many years. Its facilities are excellent. For all these blessings we have reason to thank God. May the anniversary services be Synod-wide! It will be most encouraging to know that our fellow Lutherans throughout Synod are celebrating and thanking God with us.

Of course, our gratitude for God's blessings upon so great a work will want to seek expression not merely in the service of our hearts and lips but also in special gifts of thanksgiving. An opportunity for such gifts beckons us. A school for the deaf in the New York area similar to that in Detroit would render wonderful service. Nearly one third of the deaf children in North America live in that section of North America. Plans are under way to establish such a school in the East. May we bring a large thankoffering, a tangible evidence of our gratitude, to make such a God-pleasing project possible! May God's gracious blessings rest upon our celebration! J. W. BEHNKEN

Statistics on Scouting

The number of Lutheran Scout units is now 2,034. In ratio to the number of congregations these are distributed as follows:

933 — U. L. C. (Ratio of 23 per cent)
307 — Norw. L. C. (12 per cent)
297 — Mo. Syn. (7 per cent)
198 — Augustana (17 per cent)
194 — A. L. C. (10 per cent)
105 — all others (13 per cent)

Bulletin
of Lutheran Committee on Scouting

From a Pocket Notebook

Isn't it wonderful to be a teacher and have three months' vacation a year? Or to be a professor like Walter E. Buszin — who pleads patience when asked to contribute a few articles to the LUTHERAN WITNESS? "Next week I lecture daily at Northwestern University on Lutheran choral music of the pre-Bach era; the following week I lecture on choral music, organ music, and hymnology at the Major Bowes estate near New York to ca. 25 church musicians; the following week the professors' conference meets, at which I read a paper; and the week after that I have a paper at the Valpo church-music seminar at Sheboygan." . . . Adventures in the heart of South America are related by Martha L. Moennich in *Pioneering for Christ in Xingu Jungles*. Zondervan, $1. The first contact of Christian missionaries with natives of the Brazilian jungles. What a story! . . . What the Roman Church says about Communism is founded on rock-ribbed fact. But when a Vatican City AP dispatch says that "Primarily, the Church is concerned with freedom of religion," we can only conclude that the reporter's knowledge of Italian caused him to misquote the Pope. . . . Cub Week is the latest at Walther League camps. In Iowa they have had 215 boys and girls in camp under 16 teachers and counselors. One week. Marvelous! . . . They find Indian relics on the grounds of our Bethesda Home for Feeble-Minded in Watertown, Wis. Tomahawks, spear points, stone knives, war and hunting arrows, hammer stones, drills, hundreds of specimens. . . . The Rev. Edwin W. David of San Gabriel, Calif., would like to pass on a suggestion to follow what Mrs. Roger Lillicrop, director of the choir for First Lutheran Church, Temple City, Calif., does. She opens every rehearsal with a prayer. "This is the first time I have experienced this. It certainly elevates the work of the choir." . . . The great influx of students emphasizes the importance of university pastor work. Many are saying with our pastor at Boulder, Colo.: "What a thrill to preach to a full house twice every Sunday!" . . . A record for congregational action probably is achieved by St. Paul's, Columbia, Pa. "Within three days after the District convention closed, our congregation met and approved many of its recommendations, and committees are at work on others. The pastor's salary was increased." . . . In Iowa East, Trinity Church at Osage grants Pastor Yohr a leave of absence of three months with pay during the year 1947 to enable him to attend a university. . . . Pleased to hear that Mr. Louis Koch, whom we found years ago in charge of building and grounds at Oakland Concordia College, is still living and was able to attend a service in the chapel of Fairmont Hospital in San Leandro and celebrate his 83d birthday. Three pastors officiated, and refreshments were served by ladies of the Institutional Mission Society. . . . "I read with interest the LUTHERAN WITNESS, and I know it is a profitable investment of my time. The children and I often discuss the articles we read." Mrs. W. Tellman, Fremont, Nebr. The children are 15 and 13. . . . The Detroit and Cleveland Walther League Juniors who played off an inter-city Lutheran All-Star Series in softball overlooked nothing in the way of publicity. The kids flew from Cleveland to Detroit for the games there. . . . The North Wisconsin District now has a project of $170,000.00, divided as follows: General Synod, $120,000, District Expense, $50,000. Ten per cent of the District expense goes for the use of an Executive Secretary of Education, which is as it should be. . . . When our Districts adopt the so-called blanket subscription plan for our church papers, they mean that every home in the congregations is to receive the LUTHERAN WITNESS or *Der Lutheraner*. The North Wisconsin Stewardship Bulletin says: "Our Convention at Antigo, Wisconsin, went on record to have the LUTHERAN WITNESS or the *Lutheraner* sent into every home of our District, together with a District Supplement, beginning January 1, 1947. To defray the expenses of this venture, an envelope is to be included in the October issue of these periodicals, and the receipts sent to the District Treasurer." . . . In contributions to the synodical project, the leaders among our Districts are: Central, $1.13, Northern Illinois, $1.08, Michigan, $1.03, Iowa West, $1.00, Western, $.96, Central Illinois $.95. . . . Reports from many areas prove that the Synod-wide Home Mission effort inaugurated in Detroit last winter has penetrated the congregations. The Rev. W. C. Birkner of the Central District writes: "Recently we spent an hour with the pastor of St. John's Congregation in Peru and read with an intense interest the case histories of prospective members as reported by laymen and laywomen to whom the prospects had been assigned. This is only one example out of many. The call for canvass cards has never been as heavy as now." . . . A suggestion which should be passed unanimously by acclamation is made by Pastor Birkner in his Stewardship jottings: "We move that the obsolete term 'Indigent Students' Fund' be replaced with the intelligible title 'Student Aid Fund.'" G.

Consolation

When life's storms begin to gather
And dark clouds obscure the sky;
When your heart is near to bursting
With the ceaseless question "Why?"
When the way ahead seems endless
And you think that all is lost,
Look to Christ, your Lord and Savior,
And count anew the cost.

Count the price of your salvation,
Paid by Him to set you free
From sin's pain and desolation —
What a precious liberty —
Come to Him for restoration
Of your strength from day to day,
For the fortitude and wisdom
To meet what comes your way.

By His grace and tender mercy
Every need He will supply,
And He never will forsake you
Even when 'tis time to die.
You will find no earthly comfort
Can surpass His wondrous love,
And no temporal home is fairer
Than that prepared above.

MARIE BAUMANN *

* A blind poet. — ED.

Paul Juergensen

The Rev. Paul Juergensen was born at Bellefont, Kansas, on March 28, 1901. He attended the parochial school. He is a graduate of St. John's College, Winfield, Kansas, and Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, from which school he holds the degree of B. D.

Paul Juergensen

During his vicarage he taught at Concordia College, St. Paul, Minnesota. He founded the Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, Kansas City, Kansas, and also its parochial school. He was active in starting a number of missions at Kansas City and at Alton, Illinois, where he is now pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church.

He has served Synod as a member of the Board for Parish Education, as a member of the Kansas District Board of Christian Education, as the chairman of the Board for Young People's Work of the Southern Illinois District, as Visitor, and as Vice-President. Since the Rev. E. H. Bohrer has accepted a call to the North Dakota District, the Rev. Paul Juergensen succeeded to the presidency of the Southern Illinois District of Synod on July 26, 1946.

He is married to Emily, nee Hesse, and has two children, a son at the Concordia Seminary, and a daughter.

Summer School at Seward

The nine-week summer term of Concordia Teachers College, Seward, Nebr., attracted a total of two hundred and one students. The school was in session from June 3 until August 2. A considerable number of teachers in office continued their studies toward the degree of Bachelor of Science in Education, and many other young men and women took courses to qualify as emergency teachers. Among the latter were fifteen theological students who will fill vacancies in schools this year.

In the three-week pastors' school the Book of Acts was read in Greek, and a seminar on "The Church" was held. Twenty-two men from ten synodical Districts were enrolled full time, and a number of others audited the courses part time. Dr. William Arndt of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, was the visiting instructor. In addition the pastors registered for other courses which were designed to aid them in the parish ministry.

The training school provided opportunities for practice teaching during the summer months. Forty-two pupils from kindergarten to Grade Four were enrolled, and thirty-seven student teachers taught under guidance.

The college for the first time offered secretarial training. A total of thirty-two students were enrolled in the courses given.

During the closing exercises, which were held August 1, President A. O. Fuerbringer announced that the following nine students had been granted the degree of Bachelor of Science in Education: Earle Beck, Louis Eberhard, Henry Kersten, William Kessler, Otto Link, Henry Niermeier, Frederic Nitschke, Darrell Naber, Herbert Toensing.

H. F. WERLING

River Forest Graduates

Supplementary Notice

The following name was inadvertently omitted from the list of graduates which appeared in the July 16 issue of the LUTHERAN WITNESS:

Norma Schoof; assigned to Buckley, Ill.

Pastors' Institute at River Forest

During the vacation months we read of many institutes which are arranged for pastors at many schools and universities. Their purpose seems to be to lead men out of the paths of routine duties and to offer them brief survey courses in cultural fields.

A similar institute was offered pastors of the Midwest at River Forest, Ill., the last full week in June. The course included lectures on "Old Testament Introduction" by Dr. W. R. Roehrs, "Liturgics" by Prof. W. E. Buszin, "Counseling" by Prof. A. Schmieding, "Lutheran Welfare at Work" by Pastor E. Witte, "Studies in the Early History of the Missouri Synod" by Dr. H. O. A. Keinath, and a lecture on "Atomic Energy" by Prof. W. Kruse.

Though the attendance was not large, it included brethren from Illinois, Wisconsin, and Minnesota. Held at River Forest at a time when the Teachers College's summer school was in session, it brought the men together with about 300 people who were improving themselves for the Lord's work, teachers taking advanced courses, seminarians preparing for teaching, young ladies planning to teach in church schools, and men attending so-called workshops and preparing materials. In addition to the mental stimulation, benefits enjoyed included fellowship with a mixed group; a brief taste of former experiences such as morning devotions, the dinner hour, and informal group meetings in the halls; the mixing with such as are not otherwise brought together, with the consequent exchange of views and approaches to kindred problems.

BERNARD H. HEMMETER

Chicago, Ill.

Annual Convention of the National Church

The forty-eighth annual convention of the Ev. Lutheran National Church, one of the finest in the history of our Finnish brethren, was held June 24 and 25 at Port Arthur, Ontario, Canada. As customary, a pastoral conference, sectional meetings, and festival services all Sunday were conducted on preceding days. The undersigned preached the English sermon on Sunday afternoon, as he had done Friday evening in Nippigon, at the northernmost head of Lake Superior. The business sessions began with a general Communion service, in which President G. A. Aho of Painesville, Ohio, preached a model opening sermon.

The assembly received the good wishes of our Synod and the personal greetings of Dr. Behnken, which I conveyed to them, by a rising vote, requesting me to return these greetings and best wishes for our future work in the Lord's kingdom.

The unanimous resolution to donate five hundred dollars toward the proposed Centennial Memorial Library at our Springfield Seminary in gratitude for the training of their younger pastors at our synodical institution; the participation by word and deed in our Nigeria mission; the co-operation with our Army and Navy Commission; the support of one of our young missionaries to China who is of Finnish extraction: these and other transactions surely tend to strengthen the mutual bonds of faith and love existing between us.

The designation "Finnish" was officially dropped from the name of this Church last year, and the language transition is handled with continued sobriety. On the one hand, it was

resolved to publish a Finnish sermon book and a Finnish jubilee booklet for Synod's quinquagenary in 1948; on the other, to prepare also an abridged English edition of this anniversary memorial and to publish certain periodicals for the young and the children exclusively in English.

Pastor E. A. Heino of Sebeka, Minn., was re-elected Vice-President. As successor to Mr. J. K. Jackson of Ironwood, Mich., who efficiently served as treasurer for more than a decade and felt constrained to decline a reappointment, Mr. John Hautanen of the same city was chosen. The hospitality of the local congregation and of its pastor, the Rev. R. Heikkinen, was superb. God willing, next year's convention will be held at Ashtabula, Ohio.

Lidderdale, Iowa R. HERRMANN

Northern Illinois District Convention

The Northern Illinois District convened June 17 to 20 on the campus of Concordia Teachers College, River Forest.

At the opening service, in Grace Church, Synod's Secretary, the Rev. M. F. Kretzmann, D. D., preached the convention sermon on John 17:17, and Holy Communion was celebrated. Pastor H. Heise delivered the confessional address.

In his opening address President A. H. Werfelmann emphasized that only so long as we adhere strictly to the Word of God — as did our fathers — only so long may we look for continued blessings in our work as a synod. His report showed that within the year 16 pastors and 13 teachers have entered our District from other Districts, 6 ministerial candidates and 7 teacher candidates were installed in the District, 2 congregations were received into membership with Synod, Trinity of Oak Park and its pastor were received by transfer from the English District, and St. John's of Wilmette and its pastor were released to the English District.

Rev. Theo. F. Nickel, pastor of Jehovah Church, Chicago, read the convention essay on "Sin."

A pastoral service was held on Tuesday afternoon. Rev. H. H. Harthun preached the sermon on 2 Tim. 1:12.

On Wednesday afternoon Pastor W. G. Stallman delivered the sermon on Christian education on Ps. 111:10.

A memorial service was conducted on Thursday afternoon in memory of the pastors and teachers of our District who were called to their eternal rest during the past year. At this service Pastor A. H. Lange spoke on Rev. 14:13.

Dr. M. F. Kretzmann, representing Dr. J. W. Behnken, gave us a vivid and inspiring report on the various aims and projects of Synod at home and abroad in the educational and the mission fields. He also called to mind that this year — 1946 — marks the 50th anniversary of Synod's work among the deaf, founded here in Chicago by the sainted Pastor Augustus Reinke. As a harbinger of Synod's centennial celebration here in Chicago in 1947, he spoke of the vast preparation Synod is making for the occasion.

The reports of the Board of Directors and that of our Stewardship Secretary revealed a great multiplicity of labors faithfully performed by consecrated workers.

Our Home Mission Board, reporting on the various angles of Institutional Work and growing young missions, presented healthy conditions both in the field and in the District Mission Treasury.

The Board of Education presented the *status quo* of our District's Christian day school, high school, and the Greater Chicago high school campaign.

Necessary funds for the establishment of the office of an assistant to the Director of Christian Education were authorized by the convention. And the District also resolved to lend its influence in favor of the Greater Chicago high school campaign — now partially underway — by encouraging all congregations in the area to support the endeavor.

Dr. A. Klinck of Concordia Teachers College stated that although the school is running at full capacity, it is unable to supply the desired number of teachers. The present enrollment stands at an all-time high.

M. NICKEL

Obituary

All obituaries and death notices should be sent to Prof. W. G. Polack, 801 De Mun Ave., St. Louis 5, Mo.

The Rev. H. Am End (d. July 6, 1946), born July 15, 1866, near Essen, Germany, came to America at the age of 15 years with his mother, three brothers, and one sister. The father had arrived eight months before in New York. The first home was at Hancock, Mich., where he helped to support the family by working in a copper mine.

The Rev. Edmund Huebner influenced him to enter Concordia Seminary, Springfield, Ill., in 1889. He was graduated in 1897 after having done supply work in Chicago. He was ordained in Coffeyville, Kans., where he also taught school for five years. In 1901 he took up his pastoral work in Jasper, Minn., where he ministered to his flock for twenty-five years. His last field was at Brighton, Minn.

He served three churches at one time: Edgerton, Hardwick, and Trosky, Minn. The congregation at Trosky was organized by the departed brother. All three congregations are still functioning. In 1929 Rev. Am End came to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and assisted the undersigned at Holy Communion as long as this was possible. After fifteen years in Cedar Rapids he concluded his earthly sojourn on Saturday, July 6, 1946.

On May 5, 1897, he was united in marriage with Elsie Hamelan of Sheboygan, Wis., who with one infant child preceded him in death Aug. 10, 1910. In 1912 he again entered marriage with Mrs. Dora Zornig of Jasper, Minn. He is survived by his widow, one son, six daughters, one stepson, two stepdaughters, and twenty-six grandchildren.

He was placed to rest July 9, 1946, at Newhall, Iowa, with the undersigned officiating. P. L. BORNHOEFT

Emil Richard Hamann. After a brief illness of less than two weeks, Prof. Emil Hamann, first president and long-time professor of mathematics and science at Concordia College in Milwaukee, departed this life on July 11 at the age of 93. He was buried on July 13. The Rev. Oscar Kaiser spoke words of comfort on the basis of Simeon's words: "Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace."

Born on October 30, 1852, in Germany, Emil Hamann came to America in 1863 to study for the ministry. He completed the six-year course at Concordia College, Fort Wayne, Ind., and the three-year course at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo. He then returned to Germany and attended the University of Leipsic for two years. Coming back to America, he accepted a call to Otis, Ind.

In 1882 the Rev. Emil Hamann was called to be the president of Concordia College, which was founded in 1881. The school was still located in a few rooms of Trinity Lutheran School at Ninth Street and Prairie Avenue.

As president of Concordia, Professor Hamann had a full and diversified program. He was president, dean, bookkeeper, purchasing agent, business manager, and teacher of Latin, science, religion, and German. On week ends he borrowed a team and wagon and toured the farms of the countryside for gifts and purchases. It was necessary to do this in order to make ends meet in the commissary department of the school. Most students came from poverty-stricken homes and could pay very little for board and room. He was relieved of this burden in 1885 when the Rev. Ch. H. Loeber was called to be president of the school. Until 1910 Professor Hamann occupied the chair of mathematics and science at Concordia. Because of hardness of hearing he felt constrained to resign in that year.

During his administration a number of buildings were erected on the present site of Concordia College. Of these, State Dormitory still stands and houses some 60 students. Other monuments to his industry and sense of beauty are the museum and the beautiful trees of the college campus. He planted most of these himself.

After his resignation Mr. Hamann served the city of Milwaukee for a number of years as assistant treasurer. His integrity and the high quality of his services will be remembered by many Milwaukeeans who are acquainted with the administration of the city.

For many years his birthday on Oct. 30 was the occasion of a large and happy gathering. His old colleagues of the Concordia faculty and a host of other friends

never failed to appear on this day to relive the past with so many memories of arduous toil and gratifying achievement.

Older alumni of Concordia, to whom Professor Hamann was known endearingly as "Papa Emil," will sum up their sentiments by quoting: "None knew him but to love him nor named him but to praise."

LEROY C. RINCKER

The Rev. Paul F. Kaiser (d. July 11, 1946) was born Sept. 5, 1890, as the son of Pastor F. J. C. Kaiser, in Valley City, Ohio, and reared in Indiana. He received his ministerial training in Fort Wayne and St. Louis. After his graduation, in 1913, he served Sagerton and Albany, Tex., until 1918, then for 28 years the church at Clara, Tex. In the spring of 1945 he founded Grace Church of Burkburnett, but after a year developed a cancerous tumor on the brain. After seeking relief in vain in a Dallas hospital, he died in the home of his daughter, Mrs. Arthur Ramming, in Wichita Falls. The marriage of Pastor Kaiser to Miss Marguerite Gallman on Aug. 26, 1914, was blessed with three children: Sylvia (Mrs. Ramming); Kenneth, who served in Europe during the late war; and Donald, who saw service in Europe and in the Pacific. At the funeral, on July 14, addresses were made by the Revs. W. F. Klindworth (on Ps. 31:15), H. Leimer, J. A. Birnbaum (on Luke 2:29) for the Texas District, P. J. Klenk (on Heb. 4:9-11) for the Conference. Besides the above-mentioned members of his family Pastor Kaiser is survived by his 83-year-old mother and one grandchild.

P. J. KLENK

The Rev. Martin Senne (d. July 15, 1946) born in Alma, Kans., Jan. 8, 1873, the son of Rev. H. C. Senne, a pioneer Lutheran pastor in Kansas, received his preparatory education at St. Paul's College, Concordia, Mo., and Concordia College, Fort Wayne, Ind., graduating from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo., in 1895. In the same year he was ordained and installed by his father in Wathena, Kans. After a number of years he accepted the call to Immanuel Church in Kansas City, Kans., serving this congregation four years. Then he was called by the Kansas District to establish the Kansas Children's Friend Society, and ultimately he founded the Children's Home in Winfield, Kans. From 1904 to 1922 he served St. John's Church in Lincolnville, Kans., and in 1922 went to Immanuel Church in Sweet Springs, Mo., where he unfolded the most fruitful activity of his ministerial career. Under his leadership a beautiful house of worship was erected and paid for. For 18 years he served as Visitor of the Concordia Circuit, and for 12 years he was Second Vice-President and, later, First Vice-President of the Western District. He was respected as a trusted and wise counselor of his fellow pastors.

In 1899 he was married to Miss Minnie Schaefer, daughter of a pioneer missionary in Indiana and Kentucky. She preceded him in death in 1928.

The departed had celebrated his golden jubilee as pastor a little less than a year ago. A few months later ill health forced him to resign. He died at the home of his son, Dr. H. C. Senne, in St. Joseph, Mo.

Six children survive: four sons, two daughters (one son is Lt. Col. Arthur Senne, Chaplain, U.S. Army), and two brothers: Titus Senne, teacher in La Porte, Ind.; A. B. Senne, pastor in Coffeyville, Kans.; and one sister.

The funeral services were held on July 18 in St. Paul's Church, St. Joseph, Mo. The pastor, Rev. E. F. Brauer, served as liturgist, read the obituary, and officiated at the grave in Atchison, Kans. The undersigned, a neighbor for over 18 years, delivered the funeral sermon on 2 Cor. 1: 3-4 and 3:4-6. Prof. A. J. C. Moeller addressed the mourners in behalf of the Rev. E. L. Roschke, President of the Western District, and also in behalf of St. Paul's College. A delegation of 30 former parishioners from Sweet Springs, Mo., headed by their pastor, Rev. H. R. Frerking, and the same number of pastors and teachers from Western Missouri and Eastern Kansas were present for the funeral services.

H. C. HARTING

New Publications

Unless otherwise noted, all publications reviewed in the "Lutheran Witness" may be secured from or through Concordia Publishing House, 3558 S. Jefferson Ave., St. Louis 18, Mo.

Devotions for Lutheran Schools. By Wm. A. Kramer. Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, Mo. 286 pages. $1.50.

This book offers prayers and hymns, together with other material and suggestions, for devotional exercises in a Christian day school. These prayers and hymns are carefully selected to harmonize with the particular Bible story or catechetical truth which is to be taught at that time. The chief narratives of the Old and the New Testament are referred to, and the entire content of the Small Catechism of Dr. Martin Luther is dealt with. The wording of the prayers and hymns is simple, such as children may easily grasp. The author himself warns the teacher that the book is not to supply him with a substitute for his own private devotion, but is to be stimulating and directive. We would once more remind all teachers of one of the best things that one of the best teachers ever said of teachers: "Let him adopt one form and adhere to it, using it one year as the other. For young and ignorant people must be taught one certain text and form, and will easily become confused if we teach thus today and otherwise next year." S.

Rejoice in the Lord Alway. Daily Devotions No. 70. August 1 to September 21, 1946. By Rudolph Prange. Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, Mo. 64 pages. 5 cents each, postpaid; 48 cents per dozen, postage extra; $3.00 per hundred, postage extra.

Perlen aus dem Gesangbuch. By J. C. Schuelke. Same prices.

The English booklet offers 52 daily devotions, each one of which gives some encouragement or some direction and instruction for rejoicing in the Lord. Here from day to day everyone may experience in himself, and God grant also in his home, what a blessed thing it is to delight yourself in the Lord. The booklet is a gem.—In the German booklet the author has wisely chosen the best stanzas of the German hymnbook. Each of the 52 devotions is headed by one of these precious selections. God has abundantly blessed this beautiful Lutheran poetry. May He bless it also as it is read from the pages of this booklet. S.

Compel Them to Come In. By D. C. Hennig. Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, Mo. 40 pages. 10 cents.

This is a booklet of 40 pages. Each page deals with some excuse which people offer for not attending church. The author briefly shows the vanity of these excuses and encourages the deluded person to adopt an entirely different attitude. It is a good booklet to give to one who is not attending church or attending very irregularly. S.

Children of God. Rally Day Service. Prepared by Arnold C. Mueller. Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, Mo. 15 pages. 7 cents.

For the Rally Day service which is now approaching, our Publishing House offers this brochure, containing hymns, together with their musical setting, prayers, order of service, and suggestions for readings from Scripture. The cover is adorned with a beautiful picture of the Christ Child in the Temple. S.

God's Gracious Promises. Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis 18, Mo. 5 pages. 10 cents.

20 promises of the Lord to those who are distressed or troubled. They are attractively printed in a cover of rainbow colors. S.

Miscellaneous

Ordinations and Installations

(Authorized by the Proper Officials)

CANDIDATES

Ordained:

Jones, Francis W., in St. John's Church, Philadelphia, Pa., by E. H. Behrens, 6. Sun. p. Tr., July 28.

Wolfram, Marcus W., in St. John's Church, Garner, Iowa, by W. T. Wolfram, 6. Sun. p. Tr., July 28.

Jaeger, Robert, in Holy Ghost Church, Milwaukee, Wis., by J. C. Mueller, 7. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 4.

Spitz, Paul Ph., in Zion Church, Belleville, Ill., by C. Thomas Spitz, 7. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 4.

Ordained and Commissioned:

Koepke, Robert T., in Emmaus Church, Denver, Colo., as missionary to India, by H. G. Hartner, 3. Sun. p. Tr., July 7.

Nauss, Milton, in St. Paul's Church, Jerome, Idaho, as missionary in the Southern California District, by J. C. Nauss, 7. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 4.

Ordained and Installed:

Meyer, Daryl G., in Redeemer Congregation, North Bay, Ont., Can., by H. H. Erdman, 5. Sun. p. Tr., July 21.

Waechter, Leander M., in St. John's Congregation, Lexington, Ky., by W. C. Birkner, 5. Sun. p. Tr., July 21.

Nutzmann, La Vern, in Bethlehem Congregation, Dow City, and in St. John's Congregation Buck Grove, Iowa, by Carl W. Schmidt, 7. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 4.

Visser, Robert, as missionary in Fort Scott, Kans., by C. Stuebe, 7. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 4.

PASTORS

Commissioned:

Steinbeck, George L., as radio director of the Lutheran Hour in the Southern California District in Grace Church, Los Angeles, Calif., by Herbert H. Borchers, 4. Sun. p. Tr., July 14.

Installed:

Sass, F., in Zion Congregation, North Southey, and in St. Paul's Congregation, Cupar, Sask., Can., by F. W. Hyatt, Mis. Dom. Sun., May 5.

Holm, Bruno, in Zion Congregation, Thayer, and in St. Paul's Congregation, York, Nebr., by C. W. Brueggemann, 3. Sun. p. Tr., July 7.
Krinke, F. H., in Zion Congregation, Cleghorn, and in Bethlehem Congregation, Altoona, Wis., by C. L. Thalacker, 4. Sun. p. Tr., July 14.
Biberdorf, E. A., in Hope Congregation, Victoria, B. C., Can., by Chaplain H. A. Merklinger, 5. Sun. p. Tr., July 21.
Fenske, A., in Zion Congregation, Cloverdale, B. C., Can., by C. P. Baase, 5. Sun. p. Tr., July 21.
Koepp, R. W., in Zion Congregation, Green Isle, Minn., by John E. Bradtke, 6. Sun. p. Tr., July 28.
Martin, W. C., in Trinity Congregation, Brooklyn, N. Y., by President H. J. Rippe, 6. Sun. p. Tr., July 28.
Trosin, Marcus, in Zion Congregation, Grand Coulee, Wash., by Arthur T. Lewis, 6. Sun. p. Tr., July 28.
Ansorge, M. J., in Concordia Congregation, Lake Park, Iowa, by C. F. Hinrichs, 7. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 4.
Haerther, M. J., in Immanuel Congregation, Charter Oak, Iowa, by H. A. Wagner, 7. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 4.
Kritsch, Herbert J., in St. Paul's Congregation, Craigmyle, and in St. Mark's Congregation, Delia, Alta., Can., by Daniel Lentz, 7. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 4.
Lewis, A. T., in Trinity Congregation, Eden, Idaho, by Victor E. Kauffeld, 7. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 4.
Lieske, H. William, as assistant pastor in Zion Congregation, St. Louis, Mo., by R. J. Lange, 7. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 4.
Yauk, Martin, as assistant pastor in St. John's Congregation, Seward, Nebr., by President I. C. Heinicke, 7. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 4.

TEACHERS

Onken, Edison F., Cand. '32, in St. Paul's Congregation, Strasburg, Ill., by Gilmore A. Lueck, 7. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 4.
Lorenz, R. P., in St. John's Congregation, Elyria, Ohio, by Henry L. Lieske, 5. Sun. p. Tr., July 21.
Bauer, Erwin G., in St. John's Congregation, Rochester, Mich., by E. C. Knorr, 6. Sun. p. Tr., July 28.
Gerth, Walter G., in Immanuel Congregation, Crystal Lake, Ill., by G. A. Gehrs, 6. Sun. p. Tr., July 28.
Lindemann, E. R., in Trinity Congregation, Alma, Mo., by A. H. Griesse, 6. Sun. p. Tr., July 28.
Lobitz, Walter A., in St. Paul's Congregation, Bonduel, Wis., by W. J. Plischke, 6. Sun. p. Tr., July 28.
Braun, Clifford, in St. Paul's Congregation, Chicago Heights, Ill., by Arthur A. Brauer, 7. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 4.
Braun, Richard, in Christ Congregation, Peoria, Ill., by J. C. Schuelke, 7. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 7.
Eggers, Wilbert, in St. Paul's Congregation, Luzerne, Iowa, by H. C. Wolters, 7. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 4.
Eismann, Arthur, in St. Paul's Congregation, York, Nebr., by B. Holm, 7. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 4.
Krause, Roy C., in Holy Ghost Congregation, Monroe, Mich., by John M. Hieber, 7. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 4.

Cornerstone Laying

Erwin, Tenn. (George Beiderwieden, Jr.), Bethany Congregation, 4. Sun. p. Tr., July 14.
Rushford, Minn. (Julius Buelow), St. John's Congregation, 1. Sun. p. Tr., June 23.

Conference Meeting

Pastors':
Mixed, Southwestern Minnesota, Oct. 8 (10 A. M.), 9, Lewisville, H. W. Degner, pastor. Rights and Duties of Employers and Employees (acc. to Eph. 6:5-9): Ackermann. Review of Dr. Theo. Graebner's pamphlet *Prayer Fellowship: A. T. Koehler.* Unity in Liturgics and Singing of Chorales and Liturgy: E. T. Heyne. Report on deliberations of the Synodical Conference: S. C. Ylvisaker. Pastoral sermon: B. Hein (R. J. Janke; M. Kirsch). Announce presence or absence by Oct. 3. — H. A. SCHERF, *Secretary.*

Requests

All Lutherans moving into the Coulee City Construction Area of the Columbia basin irrigation project are urged to get in touch with Rev. J. Einar Bach, pastor of Bethel Lutheran Church, Coulee City, Wash.

All pastors knowing of Lutherans moving to this area kindly send communications to the above address. — J. EINAR BACH, *Pastor.*

Anyone knowing of Lutherans or of persons interested in the Lutheran Church living in the area of Thermopolis, Worland, and Boysen Dam, Wyo., kindly notify REV. PAUL PH. SPITZ, Thermopolis, Wyo.

Result of Election

Rev. Werner K. Wadewitz, Porto Alegre, Brazil, was elected for the vacant professorship at our Concordia Seminary in Porto Alegre. The Board of Electors met on July 25. — C. F. LEHENBAUER, *Secretary,* R. 1, Nokomis, Ill.

Jubilee Meeting of Ephphatha Conference of Missionaries to the Deaf and Deaf-Blind

The 50th anniversary of Synod's mission work among the deaf and blind and the deaf-blind will be commemorated at the annual meeting of Ephphatha Conference, which will meet in Our Savior's Church for the Deaf, Chicago, Ill. The 50th anniversary meeting will be opened Friday, Oct. 4, with special jubilee services Sunday, Oct. 6, and will close Tuesday, Oct. 8.

Our Savior's Church for the Deaf is the cradle from which grew the large missionary effort now being expended in behalf of the deaf and the blind in the United States and Canada. — (REV.) A. T. JONAS, *Sec.*

Call for Candidates

For Professorship at Concordia College, Fort Wayne, Indiana

Since Professor Herbert G. Bredemeier has accepted the call to the presidency of Concordia College, Fort Wayne, Ind., thereby creating a vacancy in the faculty of this school, the local Board of Control with the approval of the Board of Directors herewith asks all congregations of Synod to place in nomination the names of men qualified to teach English and History, for the first in the lower classes.

By October 11 all nominations and characterizations should be in the hands of the BOARD OF CONTROL, CONCORDIA COLLEGE, PAUL L. DANNENFELDT, *Secretary,* 2313 S. Hanna St., Fort Wayne 5, Ind.

Call for Nominations

For Seminario Concordia, Porto Alegre, Brazil

Since the call for candidates for the newly created theological professorship at our Seminario Concordia, Porto Alegre, Brazil, which was published in No. 11, May 21, 1946, of the LUTHERAN WITNESS brought no results, we are again appealing to the congregations of Synod to heed this call and to nominate men from whom the Board of Electors might choose the man who is urgently needed at our Brazilian seminary. The brethren nominated should be sound theologians, especially qualified to teach Exegesis, Homiletics, and Symbolics, and also be capable of assuming other assignments as the need may arise. The Boards issuing this call suggest that a man from this country be called for this professorship. Nominations and information concerning the various nominees should be in the hands of the undersigned not later than Sept. 25. — THE BOARD OF MISSIONS FOR SOUTH AMERICA, C. F. LEHENBAUER, *Secretary,* R. 1, Nokomis, Ill.

Available

Trinity Lutheran Church at Ortonville, Minn., has about 35 *English Hymn-Books* which they will gladly send to any parish that is willing to pay the postage. Contact REV. RAY G. HOLZHAUER, Ortonville, Minn.

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